

1 TO THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES:

2 The Committee on Appropriations to which was referred the report of the
3 Committee on Education on House Bill No. 101 entitled “An act relating to the
4 implementation of 2018 Acts and Resolves No. 173 by providing grant funding
5 to build systems-driven, sustainable literacy support for all students”
6 respectfully reports that it has considered the same and recommends that the
7 report be amended as follows:

8 First: By striking out Sec. 4, appropriation of funds, in its entirety and
9 inserting in lieu thereof the following:

10 Sec. 4. APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS

11 (a) The sum of \$3,090,000.00 is appropriated from the American Rescue
12 Plan Act of 2021 pursuant to Section 2001(f)(1), Pub. L. No. 117-2 to the
13 Agency of Education for fiscal year 2022 for the literacy grants to be funded
14 on or before September 1 of each of 2021, 2022, and 2023 under Sec. 3 of this
15 act.

16 (b) The Agency of Education may set aside:

17 (1) not more than one percent of the funds appropriated under
18 subsection (a) of this section for each of fiscal years 2022, 2023, and 2024 for
19 informational and technical assistance for eligible applicants as defined under
20 Sec. 3(a)(2) of this act; and

1 (2) not more than two percent of the funds appropriated under
2 subsection (a) of this section for each of fiscal years 2022, 2023, and 2024 for
3 the evaluations required under Sec. 3(e)(1) of this act.

4 Second: By striking out Sec. 5, Agency of Education; staffing, in its
5 entirety and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

6 Sec. 5. AGENCY OF EDUCATION; STAFFING

7 (a) The following position is created in the Agency of Education: one full-
8 time, director level, classified position to serve as the Statewide Literacy
9 Coordinator in the Office of the Secretary. The person hired as the Statewide
10 Literacy Coordinator shall hold a masters' level degree, or have equivalent
11 expertise based on work experience, in the field of evidenced-based literacy
12 instruction.

13 (b) There is appropriated to the Agency of Education from the American
14 Rescue Plan Act of 2021 pursuant to Section 2001(f)(4), Pub. L. No. 117-2 for
15 fiscal year 2022 the amount of \$450,000.00 for salary, benefits, and operating
16 expenses for fiscal years 2022, 2023, and 2024 for this position.

17 Third: By striking out Sec. 7, Appropriation, Advisory Council on Literacy,
18 in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

19 Sec. 7. APPROPRIATION; ADVISORY COUNCIL ON LITERACY

20 The sum of \$18,000.00 is appropriated from the American Rescue Plan Act
21 of 2021 pursuant to Section 2001(f)(4), Pub. L. No. 117-2 in fiscal year 2022

1 to the Agency of Education for per diem and reimbursement of expenses for
2 members of the Advisory Council on Literacy for fiscal years 2022, 2023 and
3 2024 created under Sec. 6 of this act.

4 Fourth: By striking out Sec. 8 in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof the
5 following:

6 Sec. 8. REPEAL; ADVISORY COUNCIL ON LITERACY

7 16 V.S.A. § 2903a (Advisory Council on Literacy) as added by this act is
8 repealed on June 30, 2024.

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12 (Committee vote: _____)

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Representative _____

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FOR THE COMMITTEE